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SUBJ: 1974/75 IMPORT LICENSING SCHEDULE ISSUED

REF: A. EMBASSY'S A-70 APRIL 5, 1973

B. EMBASSY'S A-205 OCTOBER 25 1973

1. GENERAL LEVEL OF ALLOCATION WILL BE INCREASED  
120 PERCENT OVER 1973/74 LEVEL.
2. "D" CATEGORY OF SPECIAL IMPORTS FOR WHICH IMPORT  
LICENSE APPLICATIONS WERE CONSIDERED ONLY IN EXCEPTIONAL  
CIRCUMSTANCES HAS BEEN ELIMINATED. FORMER "D" ITEMS  
WILL BE INCLUDED UNDER "C" OR BASIC ITEMS.
3. THE TOKEN LICENSE SCHEME HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED  
AND EXISTING TOKEN LICENSES WILL BE CONVERTED TO BASIC  
LICENSES FOR THE SAME GOODS.
4. IN SELECTED ITEM CODES AN ASSURANCE OF A THREE  
YEAR MINIMUM LICENSE ENTITLEMENT IS GIVEN TO BASIC  
LICENSE HOLDERS.
5. SPECIAL IMPORT LICENSES WILL CONTINUE TO BE  
ISSUED TO MEET SHORT-FALLS IN DOMESTIC PRODUCTION.
6. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1974 A FEW MORE GOODS SUCH AS  
CERTAIN SIZES OF TIRES, MICROPHONES, HEAD PHONES,  
RECORD PLAYER CARTRIDGES AND SOME SPORTING GOODS WILL  
BE EXEMPT FROM IMPORT LICENSING CONTROL. THESE ARE NOT  
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MANUFACTURED IN NEW ZEALAND. INDUSTRIAL KNITTING

MACHINES ARE RECONTROLLED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

7. NOTICE ISSUED TO COMMERCIAL IMPORTERS STRESSES  
IMPORT POLICY CONTNUES OBJECTIVE OF PROMOTING MAXIMUM  
USE OF DOMESTIC RESOURCES AND STEADY INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION,  
WHILE RECOGNIZING NEED FOR CONSUMER CHOICE AND VARIETY.

8. NO OVERALL RECONTROL OF GOODS ALREADY EXEMPT FROM  
IMPORT LICENSING, BUT REIMPOSITION OF LICENSING POSSIBLE  
IN CASES WHERE NECESSARY FOR ADEQUATE PROTECZMON FOR  
"EFFICIENT DOMESTIC INDUSTRY".

9. GNZ CALCULATES 70 PERCENT BY VALUE OF PRIVATE IMPORTS  
ARE EXEMPT FROM LICENSING.

10. REACTION NZ INDUSTRY IS GENERALLY FAVORABLE.  
MANUFACTURERS' FEDERATION DR. GEN. DESCRIBED SCHEDULE AS  
"REALISTIC".

11. IMPORTERS LESS PLEASED, CLAIMING 20 PERCENT  
INCREASE OVER 1973/74 BASIC LICENSISES ALLOCATIONS WOULD  
IN MANY CASES PERMIT IMPORTATION OF ONLY 50 TO 60  
PER CENT OF LAST YEAR'S IMPORTS BECAUSE OF HIGHER  
PRICES AND FREIGHT COSTS.

12. OPPOSITION PARTY SPOKESMEN IN ATTACKING  
SCHEDULE STATED IT WAS TIME GNZ TACKLED THE FUNDAMEMENTAL  
PROBLEM OF REVIEWING BASIC LICENSE ENTITLEMENTS RATHER  
THAN CONTINUING CONCEPT OF ACCROSS-THE-BOARD PERCENTAGE  
INCREASES BASED ON OUT-OF-DATE TRADING PATTERNS.

13. COPIES OF COMPLETE LICENSING SCHEDULE WITH  
EMBASSY COMMENTS BEING POUCHED APRIL 9.  
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